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Utah Named one of the Top Ten Pro-Business States

Pollina Praises Utah's Job Development and Retention

Salt Lake City –The Pollina Corporate Top 10 Pro-Business States Report for 2008 was issued today and Utah has once again has been named to the prestigious group of most pro-business states.

“For the second year in a row, Utah's political leaders have proven that they truly understand what it takes for a state to provide an environment for business growth and expansion,” according to Dr. Brent A. Pollina, Esq., vice president of Pollina Corporate and the study's author. “Utah continues to place strongly in the areas of employee quality, good infrastructure, low corporate taxes, and high quality of life.”

The Pollina report is a study of the job creating and retention efforts in all 50 states and the federal government. In addition to its high quality of life, last year Utah was recognized for its strong pro-business tax environment.

“This report continues the good business news for the State of Utah. To again be recognized in the ‘Pollina Corporate Top 10 Pro-Business States,’ acknowledges the momentum Utah maintains in its job creation and retention efforts,” said Governor Jon Huntsman. “While the national economy struggles, Utah companies continue to grow and recruit top quality professionals with long-term high paying jobs in Utah.”

Dr. Pollina noted this year, “Utah also has the distinction of being recognized as the most pro-business state with the closest proximity to West Coast markets, lending strong weight for distribution and other industries that rely on being a day's drive from California.”

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The Pollina study evaluates and ranks states based on 28 factors including taxes, human resources, right-to-work legislation, energy costs, infrastructure spending, workers compensation legislation and jobs lost or gained. This evaluation includes 14 state government-controlled factors based on incentive programs and state economic development departments.

Keeping Jobs In America: Pollina Corporate Top 10 Pro-Business States is published annually by Chicago-headquartered Pollina Corporate Real Estate, one of the nation's leaders in providing site selection and corporate relocation services. The Pollina Corporate study examines 28 factors relative to states' efforts to be pro-business, and is the most comprehensive and impartial examination of states to date. The study is limited to factors over which state government has control.

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